

# Between the lines

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## Recent Library Programs Break Attendance Records



A record-setting crowd of more than 650 people came to hear best-selling local author Khaled Hosseini, M.D., read from his book *The Kite Runner*.

By Deborah Barrow, Director of Libraries

One of the most exciting aspects of library service is providing public programs. In recent months, the Sunnyvale Public Library has hosted some wonderful programs featuring local authors who have talked about their best-selling books, their lives and the factors that inspired them to write. These "Meet the Author" programs were offered as part of a program series called *California Stories Uncovered*, sponsored by the California Council for the Humanities.

Two outstanding local authors both of whom are former residents of the City of Sunnyvale, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni and Khaled Hosseini, appeared at the Sunnyvale Public Library to deliver programs that were highly successful. Ms. Divakaruni came to the Library in April and read from her book, *Queen of Dreams*, her

latest and a favorite of many of the listeners who filled the room. Ms. Divakaruni was gracious with the crowd and spent time talking about the forces behind her writing and answering questions. Several of Ms. Divakaruni's fans, including me, have read all of her works and seize every opportunity to have her sign copies of her books. We eagerly await her next book, and look forward to the movie based on *The Mistress of Spices*.

The program featuring the author of *The Kite Runner*, Khaled Hosseini, drew record breaking crowds to the library on May 25. Dr. Hosseini returned to the Sunnyvale Public Library, which his family indicated had been his local library for many years and the place where he did a considerable amount of his writing. He appeared with his wife, children and parents. Dr. Hosseini's spirit of kindness and generosity showed through as he read from his book to a crowd of 650, answered questions from the audience and signed copies of his book.

While we certainly did not anticipate 650 people at the program, library staff was prepared and provided a speaker system in the patio area to accommodate the overflow crowd. The audience was patient and extremely cooperative.

Great writing is truly appreciated in Sunnyvale. We are very fortunate to have talented, successful local writers such as Ms. Divakaruni and Dr. Hosseini, who have generously

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## Help Build the Library of the Future!

Share Your Thoughts and Ideas at this Special Meeting

A library means different things to different people. What do you think your library should provide for the community? What services, collections, and spaces would you like to see in your library? You are invited to share your thoughts and ideas at this special meeting. The only way to ensure the Library of the

Future is relevant to you is to let us know what you want. This is a time to stretch the imagination and dream for the future. If you cannot attend, we invite your comments by e-mail to [futurelib@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:futurelib@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

For more information, please call (408) 730-7300 or visit [www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org)



## Library of the Future

Wednesday, July 20, 2005 • 6:30 p.m.  
Program Room – Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale

## Library Unveils Expanded Chinese and Spanish Language Collections

By Christine Duxtad

Do you speak Spanish or Chinese? The Library recently received a grant to enhance its collection of books and media in those two languages. The federal grant, administered by the California State Library, provided \$25,000 to purchase library materials in other languages to benefit the community. Chinese and Spanish were chosen because of the large populations of these language speakers in Sunnyvale.

Librarians visited local bookstores, attended bookfairs and searched online to find materials that would be of interest to both adults and children. "I wanted to find a broad spectrum of materials that would appeal to the Sunnyvale Latino community" said Spanish selector Beth

Nord. In order to determine what kinds of materials would be popular, surveys were distributed to Chinese and Spanish language speakers.

Over 1,000 books for adults and children were purchased for the two collections. Both fiction and nonfiction titles were added including romances, mysteries, cookbooks, travel guides, self-improvement titles and books on health and exercise. Translations of best-selling English titles such as Bill Clinton's *My Life*

and of course, *Harry Potter*, were added as well. DVDs and music CDs were also acquired, featuring Chinese recording artists and the ever popular Asian television dramas.

The grant also allowed the library to purchase

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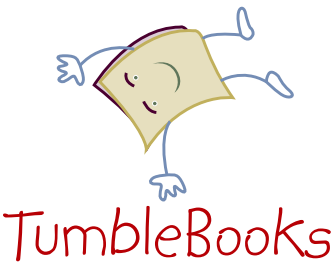
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# Introducing TumbleBooks – e-Books for e-Kids

By Christine Doxtad

If you have young children at home, then TumbleBooks are for you! TumbleBooks are animated, talking picture books designed to help children experience the joy of reading by using a computer. TumbleBooks are freely accessible through the Library’s Web site. One does not even need a Library card to access them. Simply click on the TumbleBook icon within the Library Web site and you will be connected to dozens of online storybooks, educational puzzles and memory games.



These colorful, interactive stories, games and puzzles can be used by a child alone or enjoyed with others. The stories are simple, attractive and have easy narration so children can follow along. The Tumblepad feature allows you to click on a vocabulary word to hear it sounded out or have an entire sentence repeated. You can even submit a short book report to be shared with other TumbleBook users. The puzzles and games correspond to the storybooks and will provide hours of entertainment. And just in case you have a child who likes to go through things rather quickly, new books and puzzles are constantly being added to keep the content fresh and interesting.

TumbleBooks are one of many e-Book products offered by the Sunnyvale

Library. To learn more about free, downloadable text and audio books, visit the Library’s Web site or contact the Library Information Desk at (408) 730-7300.

## Catch Some ZZZs With Bended Knees

By Janet Berkeley

The travel season is upon us and people are hurling themselves around the planet, stuffing their bodies into planes, trains and automobiles. Back in 1889, H.M. Small’s train of thought led him to the idea of a hammock (US patent #400,131) that can hook over seats. This suave-looking gentleman is at a very comfortable angle of repose, making the hammock a very civilized device for catching forty winks.



If you have an idea, don’t relax on the tracks; do the locomotion over to Sci[i]3 where “trained” librarians can help with your patent and trademark questions. For more information on Sci[i]3 services, visit our Web site at: [www.sci3.com](http://www.sci3.com).

# What Would You Change About the Library? Survey Says?...

By Christine Doxtad

“If you could change one thing about the library, what would it be?” This question was asked on the Library’s customer satisfaction survey in May. Staff wanted to hear what Library visitors had to say about library services and as you can imagine, the answers were as varied as the people submitting them. Many people had more than one thing they’d like to change while others thought the library is “just perfect” the way it is.

**We thought it would be fun to share some of the comments with you.**

Although it is impossible to make all the changes requested, some of them are already in the works and will be coming soon. Others will remain on our project list for future consideration. Many people who answered the question had specific ideas for improving the building. They asked for a coffee shop or snack bar, more study rooms, a reading room with comfortable chairs, a larger children’s area and more space in general. Several respondents also wanted the library to stay open longer, a few even suggested remaining open 24 hours a day! Many people mentioned wanting wireless access to the Internet, which

we plan to provide in the near future. They also wanted more computers for Internet searching and more online reference sources so people could study from home. A few expressed a desire for a new catalog with a more updated look, something you can look forward to this summer.

It will come as no surprise that many people wanted more books. Specifically requested was a special health section aimed at the aging Baby Boomers, more science, math and technical books, more best-sellers, more books in international languages, more books on CD and more DVDs and videos. Other suggestions were to paint the library brighter, change the carpet and modernize the inside. Two different people said with a smile, “Move the library closer to my home!”

As we plan the library of the future these comments will be reviewed and considered for possible incorporation into our future plans. It is our goal to make the library relevant to its users, the residents of Sunnyvale. So, a big thanks to all of you who took the time to answer the survey. And if you didn’t get a chance to fill out a survey, we welcome your comments and suggestions any time!

# Summer Reading Programs

**For Adults**  
**Book a Great Summer**

Whether you have a summer vacation scheduled or not, you can always travel to new lands and have new experiences through the wonderful adventure of reading. To help make those reading journeys even more enjoyable, the Sunnyvale Public Library invites adults and teens over 16 to “Book a Great Summer” by joining the annual Adult Summer Reading Program. Prizes for readers are generously provided by the Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, June 1.....	First day to sign up.
Monday, August 1 .....	Last day to sign up.
Sunday, September 11 .....	Last day to record book titles in your log.
Wednesday, September 14, 5-7 p.m .....	Adult Summer Reading Program Tea and Grand Prize Drawing — To celebrate the end of Adult Summer Reading, summer reading program participants are invited to a tea in the Library Program Room. Participants who attend this event who have read twelve or more books during the program will be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing.

**For Teens**  
**Super Heroes-Super Readers**

Anyone going into 6th grade up to 16 years old is welcome to register at the Children’s Information Desk for the Super Heroes-Super Readers Summer Reading Program! Read 10 or more books and receive one free paperback book. Select your free book at the Library between Monday, August 8 and Sunday, September 4. Teens can also write book reviews to win prizes!

Saturday, June 18 .....	First day to sign up.
Sunday, August 7.....	Last day to sign up.
Monday, August 8 through Sunday, September 4.....	Prizes available.



**For Children**  
**Dragons, Dreams & Daring Deeds**

Make your summer’s “daring deed” both fun and rewarding at the Library! Children ages 3 through 5th grade can participate in the 2005 Summer Reading Program. Read or listen to 10 books by September 4 and receive one free paperback book.

Saturday, June 18 .....	First day to sign up.
Sunday, August 7.....	Last day to sign up.
Monday, August 8 through Sunday, September 4.....	Prizes available.





# Small Biz Corner

## Web Sites and Library Resources for the Entrepreneur

By Joan Jackson

Whether you're a seasoned small business owner, or just starting to spread your entrepreneurial wings, this column is designed to highlight an assortment of reliable Web-based and print business resources that can be accessed at the Sunnyvale Public Library.

### Business Reference Collection Resources

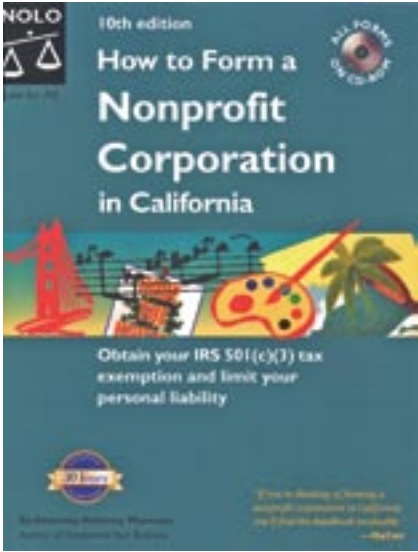
**Dun & Bradstreet Consultants Directory 2005,**  
*R 658.4602 D BUSINESS*

This is an annual compilation of "detailed information on over 30,000 consulting firms representing many areas of specialization...it is a valuable tool for those companies who seek a professional to provide objective analysis of plans, fresh ideas and unbiased perspectives, or create solutions to problems."

**Doing Business in the New China: A Handbook and Guide (2004 ed.),**  
*R 330.951 Z BUSINESS*

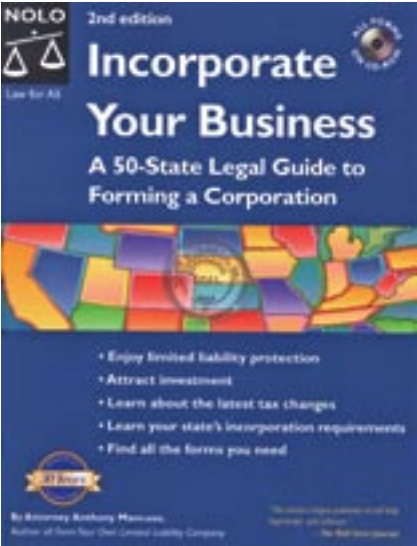
The author provides "a detailed picture of today's China as it actually is, based on fact and experience. It shows why going into the Chinese market is not only an important, but a success-oriented move." "It is a handbook for investors, managers, entrepreneurs, consultants, and specialists, who want to obtain in-depth, and praxis-oriented information about opportunities and risks of a professional or commercial engagement in China."

**How to Form a Nonprofit Corporation in California (2004 ed.),**  
*R 346.064 M BUSINESS*



Published by Nolo Press, this guide is especially geared towards "non-lawyers" – laypeople who want to understand the steps in "plain English." This book deals specifically with the ins and outs of the legalities of starting and running a non-profit corporation in California and obtaining a federal tax exemption. Reading the disclaimers in the "Read This First" section is important in understanding the need to enlist the proper legal representation for this process, especially since laws can be altered and/or discarded prior to a book going to print. The Sunnyvale Library also carries multiple copies of this informative guide to check out.

**Incorporate Your Business: A 50-State Legal Guide to Forming a Corporation (2nd ed., 2004),**  
*R 346.0662 M BUSINESS*



Published by Nolo Press, this guide helps the entrepreneur to "learn your state's incorporation requirements... enjoy limited liability protection... learn about the latest tax changes... find all the forms you need." The "Read This First" section is important in understanding the need to enlist the proper legal representation for this process, especially since laws can be altered and/or discarded prior to a book going to print. The Sunnyvale Library also carries multiple copies of this informative guide to check out.

### Business Websites

**U.S. Small Business Administration**  
*www.sba.gov*  
The official U.S. Government Web site dedicated to the advancement of small businesses, the SBA offers a wealth of vital information and educational tools for the entrepreneur. Their mission is to "maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting and

protecting the interests of small businesses."

**National Association for the Self-Employed** *www.nase.org*



The N.A.S.E. is "The nation's leading resource for micro businesses." They try to meet the unique needs of micro-business owners, and help to alleviate many of the obstacles to starting and growing a business.

**Minority Business Development Agency** *www.mbda.gov*

The M.B.D.A. serves "to foster the establishment and growth of minority-owned businesses in America." They are not a funding source (information on grants by state are made available on the site.) MBDA centers around the country can make referrals or provide information on the various funding sources. They offer free tools and services to Minority Business Enterprises. There is a free registration at the site that will allow you to take advantage of their many free services.

**Online Women's Business Center**  
*www.onlinewbc.gov*

The O.W.B.O. fosters the growth of women-owned businesses through various programs "that address business training and technical assistance, and provide access to credit and capital, federal contracts, and international trade opportunities."



# Gifts to the Library

By Susan Denniston

Do you have books, CDs, DVDs, or audiobooks you no longer use? Did you know you can donate these materials to the Library and obtain a tax-deductible receipt while you do so? Donations are reviewed to determine if they should be added to the Library's collection or given to the Friends of the Library to be sold at the book table inside the library or at one of three big sale events during the year. Whether your gift finds a home in the Library's collection or is sold by the Friends of the Library, your gift will be used to support Library activities.

There are several other ways to contribute to the Sunnyvale Public Library, of which you may not be aware. The Library accepts cash or checks in any amount, payable to the City of Sunnyvale and sent to Library Administration, to be placed in a Library Donation Fund. The Library staff can put donated funds to good use by purchasing needed library materials or equipment and by supporting high quality programming. You also can designate parameters for your gift.

You may want to celebrate a grandchild's birthday with a donation to the Library for a book that many children can enjoy. You could remember a friend who has passed on by giving money for cookbooks or history books, reading interests of the deceased. Bookplates with the name of the person you wish to honor will be placed in books. In the past, the Library has worked with people to plan a bequest of money, for a specific jointly agreed-upon purpose in the Library, such as the Doris Chapman classical music collection.

Other times, families have asked friends and relatives to contribute to the Library to a specific fund set up to honor someone special. Donors are encouraged to place minimal restrictions on donated items or funds to allow flexibility in using gifts to benefit Sunnyvale residents. Also, the Library sometimes accepts equipment, but only when it can be useful to library operations.

Please call Library Administration at (408) 730-7314 if you have questions about any of these gifting opportunities or other ideas for contributions to the Library. Gifts to the Library are gifts to the whole community.



# Discover Children’s Nonfiction Treasures

By Edith Drewek

What’s (not) hidden in the far back corner of the Children’s Room? Here are some great nonfiction titles you may not have known to ask for!

**What Really Happened in Roswell: Just the Facts (Plus the Rumors) about UFOs and Aliens,** J 001.942 K  
A thoroughly enjoyable way to learn to pick out what’s true from what isn’t.

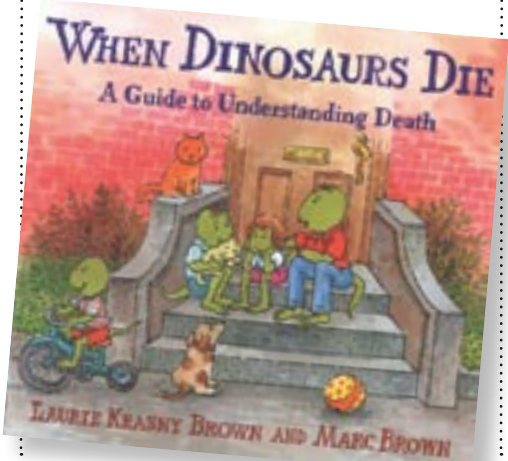
**Ghosts of the West Coast: The Lost Souls of the Queen Mary and Other Real-Life Hauntings,** J 133.1097 W  
Fascinating and full of great photos. Discover the piece about Sunnyvale!

**Stress Can Really Get on Your Nerves,** J 155.9042 R  
**How to Take the Grrrr Out of Anger,** J 152.47 V

Brief text, cartoon illustrations, and solid advice add to the appeal of these titles. (See additional titles in the series.)

**Being Jealous,** J 152.48 L  
Engaging text, drawings and photos help children deal with challenging issues. **Dealing With Racism** is another title in this series.

**When Dinosaurs Die: A Guide to Understanding Death,** J 155.937 B  
Sensitively written and illustrated with cartoon drawings, this series title will both inform and reassure young children.



**Win or Lose By How You Choose!,** J 170 S  
Helps kids make good choices concerning every day dilemmas. Perfect for a child and adult sharing.

**The Prince Who Ran Away: The Story of Gautama Buddha,** J 294.363 R  
Discover new titles from the world’s religious traditions as well.

**A Life Like Mine: How Children Live Around the World,** J 305.23 L  
**Children Around the World,** J 305.23 M.  
Two beautiful titles that use photos or drawings to show how kids around the world live.

**Baby Science: How Babies Really Work,** J 305.232 D  
Engaging text and attractive photos inform and involve young children in various aspects of a baby’s life.

**America Votes: How Our President Is Elected,** J 324.6309 G  
An appealing layout and writing style will make kids want to vote!

**Neale S. Godfrey’s Ultimate Kids’ Money Book,** J 332.024 G  
An attractive, kid-friendly overview of money-related topics.

**Chickens May Not Cross the Road and Other Crazy (But True) Laws,** J 348.7302 L  
Humorous laws from around the country illustrated with cartoon drawings. Includes bits of information about why we have laws.



**Serving Your Community,** J 361.37 D  
Shows kids how they can volunteer make a real contribution to their community.

**Guns: What You Should Know,** J 363.33 S.  
This brief, illustrated book for young children describes guns and gun-related safety. A great example of how books can help save lives!

## Family Vacations

By Betsy Wachter

When I was a child my family traveled by automobile to most of the national parks in the West as well as to other destinations. It was my father’s inclination to stop at every roadside historical or geological site to read the marker, often to moans of protest from my two brothers and myself. As painful as it may have seemed at the time, from my vantage point as an adult I have only happy memories of these journeys and the time spent with my family.

Family vacations can be the glue which strengthens relationships, especially if some thought goes into meeting the needs of each family member. The library has many resources which can help with the planning process. Using the subject headings “Children-Travel” and “Games for Travelers” in the library’s catalog will help you find books that will suggest places to visit and ways to make the journey more enjoyable for both children and adult family members. Before the trip, share books with your children about the method of travel and about what they will see and do at the destination, so they will anticipate some fun. Among other titles, the children’s collection includes a series of books titled “Kidding Around” which suggest fun places to take children in several major U.S. cities. Take along books on tape or CDs and downloadable e-books, to help to pass the travel time. Games that can be shared during travel can be educational as well as fun.

### Children’s librarians suggest the following useful Web sites:

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| <a href="http://www.familytravelgame.com">www.familytravelgame.com</a>   | suggestions for games to play                      |
| <a href="http://www.momsmivan.com">www.momsmivan.com</a>                 | includes printable Bingo cards and coloring sheets |
| <a href="http://www.cyberparent.com/trips">www.cyberparent.com/trips</a> | trip planning advice                               |

Hopefully your summer will include travel that will be a memory-maker for your entire family!

## Attendance

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carved out time from their very busy schedules to come to our library to speak. We are fortunate as well to have busy community members come to participate in programs to exchange thoughts and ideas with the authors, reaching beyond their books and expressing appreciation for the authors’ artistic endeavors which are

so important to feeding our minds and lifting our spirits.

Although the *California Stories Uncovered* programs have now ended, there will be a variety of special programs at your library in the coming months. Please join us for additional interesting, informative and exciting programs at your local library.



Noted author Chitra Divakaruni enjoys talking with readers at the Library on April 6.

## Collections

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bilingual and English as a Second Language materials. The highly respected *Ingles Sin Barreras*, a twelve volume multimedia kit for Spanish speakers wanting to improve their English has proved very popular as are the language tapes produced by Pimsleur and Living Language.

Thanks to the Global Languages Materials grant, the library now has a very fine collection of materials in Chinese and Spanish. Be sure to stop by the Library and check them out.



## Sunnyvale Public Library

665 West Olive Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

### Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	12pm–8pm

Book and media drops are located outside the Library for after-hours returns.

### Telephone Numbers

Telephone Numbers	Area Code
Borrowers’ Records	(408) 730-7303
Children’s & Teen Services	(408) 730-7292
Deaf Access: TDD/TYY	(408) 730-7501
Dial-A-Story (English)	(408) 730-7333
Dial-A-Story (Spanish)	(408) 737-4907
Information & Reference	(408) 730-7300
Library Cards	(408) 730-7310
Library Administration	(408) 730-7316
Overdue Materials	(408) 730-7309
Renewals	(408) 730-7310
Sc[i] Patents & Trademarks	(408) 730-7300
Special Outreach Services	(408) 730-7306

### Library Web Site

[www.sunnyvalelibrary.org](http://www.sunnyvalelibrary.org)

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodation, please contact the library.

